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Goldfinger Review

Tim Weilert
Staff Writer

The 1990's was an energetic time for music. As new wave began to loosen its grip on listeners, punk and ska bands dominated the scene. Classic punk bands, such as the Descendents, returned from hiatus, and groups, such as Catch 22 and Less Than Jake, started up as the third wave of ska was in full swing. Somewhere in the midst of all the circle pits and tattoos came Goldfinger. In 1994, Goldfinger began rocking the Los Angeles hardcore punk and ska scene. 1996 saw the band's first release, a self-titled album that was well received and featured the hit single "Here In Your Bedroom."

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COURTESY GOLDFINGER

Friday, April 4, Steinhauer Fieldhouse, 7:00 PM

Former Bolivian president speaks to Mines students

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Many students at the Colorado School of Mines know what it takes to manage a mine, but last week they got a glimpse of what it takes to control a country.

in mining mythology," Sánchez de Lozada began by discussing the current state of worldwide raw materials.

"Today, we have a very strange situation, because markets are dropping and commodities keep going up. From 1928 to 2002, you had a drop in raw materials



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Breaking Bread: Former Bolivian President Sánchez de Lozada lunches with McBride moderators and MIPER students.

The lecture by former Bolivian President and mining mogul Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada delivered an eloquent balance between challenges in the Latin American mining industry and obstacles facing Bolivia's development.

Referring to CSM as a "landmark

in real terms. I really think we're going to look at 75 to 100 years of growing prices," Sánchez de Lozada said, further explaining that, historically, strong economic downturns will be preceded by a drop in the raw materials market.

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Idaho researcher, laboratory endeavors to strengthen nuclear energy as viable option

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"In the United States, 20% of our electricity is created in nuclear reactors," said Dr. J Rory Kennedy, a researcher at the Idaho National Laboratory and featured presenter of this week's Material Science Seminar.

Kennedy began by summarizing the operational methods of nuclear reactors. "The only thing a nuclear reactor does is create heat," he said. According to Kennedy, nuclear reactors only use 5% of the available fuel before the other 95% is pulled out and considered nuclear waste. It's this excess "spent" fuel that must be securely stored for up to thousands of years because of the harmful nature of the radioactive elements produced during the controlled nuclear fission. This wouldn't

be such a critical problem if storage room for these spent fuels wasn't running out.

"The logical thing to do is recycle this fuel," Kennedy concluded. The INL is working on several facets of the nuclear waste issue. He explained that the objective is to remove the actinides (radioactive elements) that are the "bad players" in nuclear waste. They are finding ways to reuse spent nuclear fuels in different kinds of reactors and using different methods to get rid of these actinides. By doing this, the INL can reduce the amount of waste, increase



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the amount that can be stored and shorten the storage time.

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ASCSM votes against Rec. Center's policies

Alec Westerman
Staff Writer

Though not stated in its policy as a requirement, the Student Recreation Center has been requiring marriage certificates in order to allow the partner of a CSM student, a faculty member, or a staff member to purchase a membership. After a vote by ASCSM that directed the Recreation Center follow their current

policy, the policy was altered so as to require marriage certificates.

Brandon Leimbach with the Recreation Center described the policy before revision as follows: "It originally contained language to accommodate same sex partners, but has since been modified as some students interpreted the word 'partner' to include their boyfriend, girlfriend, fiancée, etc."

Now that it is revised it states: "A husband or wife of a current CSM Student, Faculty or Staff member is eligible for a Student Recreation Center membership if their significant other has paid the appropriate membership fee. Spouses must obtain a Recreation Center card from the Administrative Assistant's office upon presentation of a valid marriage license."

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World News in Brief

Abdullah Ahmed, Asst. Business Manager

VATICAN CITY - Pope Benedict XVI gave his Easter Day address where he urged nations around the world to help stop violence in many countries that are suffering. He said that "We fail to remember... Darfur and Somalia, the tormented Middle East, especially the Holy Land, Iraq, Lebanon and finally Tibet, all of which I encourage to seek solutions that will safeguard peace and the common good."

CHINA - With turbulent preparations for the Olympic Games, an unexpected problem presented itself lately: the weather. The forecast indicates cloudy skies during the Olympic Games in China, which would prevent the usage of the sun to light the Olympic Torch like every year. A proposed solution is to light the torch somewhere else and carry it to China later.

UNITED STATES - Researchers at the California Institute of Technology (NASA JPL) conducted a study regarding the different ways polymers react to electricity. The fruit of the research led to the discovery of Artificial Muscles (Electro-Active Polymers). When induced by certain voltages, the polymers change shape and size and appear "alive." The discovery will provide many benefits, especially with building robots for space.

ETHIOPIA - The government asked the National Bank to examine all of the gold stored in the vaults after the discovery of fake gold-plated steel blocks that have been bought for millions of dollars. What worried the government even more was another discovery of fake "gold" that had been sitting in the vaults for years! Arrests were made as more investigations were held.

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McBride Juniors visit Washington D.C. to experience public policy firsthand

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"It's my spring break too!" said Mikayla Buenger, a participant in the recent trip to Washington DC with the McBride Honors Program. The group of students - virtually all juniors from a variety of different majors - spent a week investigating the intricacies of the Federal Government and how legislation moves.

The students began their trip early on Saturday, March 8, when most Mines students were beginning their week of relaxation. There would be no sleeping in for this group, however, with daily meetings beginning at 8:30.

Along with meeting congressional representatives and other important figures in Washington D.C., the students were also tasked with following a piece of legislation through Congress. For each of the projects, they were to determine who the key actors were in either advancing or deterring the legislation, as well as why those key actors held the positions that they did.

Throughout the week, they met with the White House Fellows, the National Research Council, both Colorado Senators Wayne Allard (R) and Ken Salazar (D), and countless other individuals. Some had information very pertinent to areas that the students were studying while others offered insights on the processes of Washington D.C.

The eleven students were broken into three groups, each studying a different energy topic. One group focused on the Roan Plateau and the potential drilling that may occur in Western Colorado. This topic has become a hot button issue as estimations regarding the potential oil their increase.

Another group worked on a project involving nuclear power, analyzing the



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Treading the Path: Robert Kohl, Damian Illing, and Josh Elliott walk away from the Hill and toward the Washington Monument.

key question of what is stopping the United States from more actively pursuing nuclear power. They spoke with a number of different lobbyists and research councils during their endeavor.

Damian Illing, a Junior in Chemical Engineering working on the nuclear power project, said, "We spoke to a lot of insightful people while there. They all had a different perspectives to add, many of which we hadn't previously considered."

The third group analyzed FutureGen, a project which involved a clean coal power plant and carbon sequestration technology. Funding for the project was recently removed from the Executive Branch's recent budget proposal and Representatives from the state of Illinois wanted answers.

Through meeting with individuals from the Office of Management and Budget, as well as the FutureGen alliance, the group was

able to determine a timeline of decisions by which the project proceeded ultimately determining several causes of the direction change.

The trip wasn't all work and no play, however. Students received each of the evenings off as free time to either work on their projects or explore the city. Most students chose the latter, spending countless hours site seeing.

Junior Kevin Duffy said, "The monuments are amazing at night. They've done such a good job aligning the city and lighting the monuments that you just can't help but stand in awe when you first see them."

Whether they was busy at work with their projects or exploring the city, the students generally raved about the trip. For some it was an experience that they'll never forget, and for others it offered an insight into a world that they one day would like to be a part of.

For the Record...

In the article entitled "Debate thrives over changes proposed to McBride" in Vol. 88, Issue 21, *The Oredigger* incorrectly quoted Dr. Loring Abeyta. The corrected quote, in the second paragraph from the end, replaces "inappropriate" with "premature." The corrected article may be read online; search "McBride" from our homepage.

This Week at Mines

CSM received \$5.9 million from the US Department of Energy to research unconventional natural gas extraction.

With a \$150,000 grant from the Economic Development Commission, CSM's 8th Continent Project has launched an "aerospace business incubator" that will link select business start-ups with "experts in venture capital, legal, risk management, communications and management consulting," according to the Denver Post.

The Rocky Mountain News reported last week that CSM, in addition to CU, CSU, and UNC, could see up to a 9.5% tuition hike next year. The current proposal is not finite and any changes to CSM's tuition must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Murray Hitzman, the Charles F. Fogarty Professor of Economic Geology in CSM's Geology and Geological Engineering Department, was featured during Spring Break at the Isaac Asimov Memorial Debate in New York City.

Dean of Graduate Studies Dr. Thomas Boyd announced that metal diplomas will no longer be awarded at the Commencement Ceremony and graduates will, instead, receive a personalized paper certificate immediately and their metal certificates by mail.

Presidential wisdom speaks to students

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"In the history of man, the extraction of raw materials carries a human emotion. It is a wonderful thing to be wealthy in raw materials, but it's a kiss of death," he continued. "This is the situation in Latin America. Today, they're riding a tremendous boom. In Bolivia, we export four times what we did when I was President."

According to Sánchez de Lozada, Latin America's "kiss of death" largely stems from a combination of wealthy individuals supporting "outlandish political theory," a massive drug trade and strong terrorist pockets.

Sánchez de Lozada's first presidential term ran from August 1993 to August 1997, where he implemented a comprehensive social contract that addressed education, decentralized government, capitalization, pension reform, and judicial reform.

Among many accomplishments, Sánchez de Lozada is credited with designing the economic "shock therapy" program that successfully reduced Bolivia's 25,000% hyper-inflation period in 1985.

Per Bolivia's Constitution, Sánchez de Lozada was required to wait a period before running again. His second term, beginning in August of 2002, ran for just over one year until he resigned over political

turmoil in October of 2003. After noting that “drug pushers” were financiers of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Sánchez de Lozada explained that the political turmoil in Bolivia was tied to the drug trade.

"That's what happened to me. The U.S. doesn't want to deal with Latin American drugs as long as they're exporting to Eastern Europe. They don't want to deal with Latin American terrorists as long as they don't attack the United States," said Sánchez de Lozada.

"Around here, everybody wants to get rid of drugs and vice – you can't!" he said. "You need to educate! When you prohibited alcohol, it almost tore the country apart."

The current Bolivian President, Evo Morales, has made changes that Sánchez de Lozada regards as deconstructive. "The disrespect toward separation of powers is worrisome. When you have a new Constitution that's signed in a military barracks, it's worrisome. I'm hoping that we'll find a way to solve it without a level of violence that's very, very worrisome. I'm prepared for the worst and hoping for the best," he said.

Sánchez de Lozada also redrafted the country's traditional, socialist perspective on contracts. "We have to do things so people feel they're earning it. People seem to work bet-

ter with constraints," he said. "Free verse is very dangerous."

"I don't know why it's so hard to understand Adam Smith," he added. "Markets need rules and good umpires, like sports. If you start looking at the situation, you understand that society needs rules." While discuss-

While discussing various changes in Latin America, Sánchez de Lozada concluded that the best definition of progress is "change with order and order with change."

"I've always found that what you have to do is develop a thesis—a detailed proposal," he added. "You have to discuss it and listen over and over. You have to get a discussion going, because your enemies, more times than not, are right. Don't try to be popular, because you never will be if you're a good president."

Rec. Center policy inspires debate, critique

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This change is not a welcome outcome for all. "I liked the original wording of the membership policy," said Justin Chichester, a graduate student on ASCSM.

Chichester explained his stance by beginning, "I believed and the graduate students echoed." He went on to explain that the partners of Mines students are part of the Mines community as well. Furthermore, speaking in reference to the graduate students, he indicated the existence of very serious relationships where, in some cases, the fiancée, boyfriend, or girlfriend

had even gone to the length of moving across state lines so as to be with their significant other.

Addressing the view held by Brandon Leimbach and others like him, Chichester conceded, “I understand there has to be a line somewhere.” He admitted that “there were ways the membership system could have been exploited.” However, Chichester asked whether the resultant exclusions would be worth the prevention of exploiting the system. Furthermore, he expressed his belief that the problems of exploitation would be minimal. “To be clear, we are not advocating [that] we give free memberships,” he said.

Unfortunately, Leimbach was unavailable for an interview but, in an email, he expressed that “the policy has never changed since the day we opened, but we now require a marriage license for all spouse memberships. We also offer CSM Rec. center members the opportunity to purchase a daily guest pass for up to two visitors per day.”

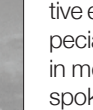
Scientists investigate “nuclear” option

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According to Kennedy, the most difficult element of their research is the fact that there is so little information on the actinide series of elements; scientists lack an in-depth understanding of not only the fuels, but the elements that constitute them as well. Almost none of these elements are found naturally on the Earth, but ac-

one of these radioactive elements becomes increasingly complex. Often, only theoretical information or disputed data is available. On top of it all, studying these complex metal alloy fuels is both costly and extremely time consuming.

Illuminating this point, Kennedy spoke of pulling out samples after years of testing. "It takes a very long time to get a radioactivity test," he said. They dealt with French scientists for up to five years trying to get a sample tested in one of their nuclear reactors. It finally went in within the last year.



of the most important characteristics in a metal alloy fuel. INL is currently developing a microscope that could measure the thermal diffusivity of a fuel with up to a 50 micrometer resolution. They would be the first lab in the world to do so.

Dr. Moore, head of the MME department, thanked Dr. Kennedy for his lecture, "It sounds like you have enough work just from the metallurgical standpoint to keep you, and your grandchildren, going," he said. The lecture series is combined with the physics colloquium next Thursday, March 27, 4 PM in Meyer Hall 220. Bruce Clemens of Stanford University comes to CSM to discuss nanostructured materials for hydrogen storage.

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Geek of the Week

...Sydney "Slaws" Laws, Junior: Chemical Eng.

Greg Smith
Staff Writer

[The Oredigger] So where did 'Slaws' come from?
[Laws]... Actually it came from my Mines email address, but its what most of my residents and friends call me.

Describe your perfect date?
February 30th. Because it only comes around every six years or something.

It says here that you like your friends to call you Xena, how did that come about?
My deep dark obsession with warrior princesses!

So you seem cool, why the hell are you here at Mines?
I knew I wanted to do engineering, and Mines has good rep. For that, as you know the odds are good, but the goods are odd. I also wanted to compete athletically and stay close to my family.

If you could be in any world from a book or movie what would it be?
Harry Potter, because then I could have magical powers like a – what's the girl name for a wizard? Oh yeah a witch, and I'd get to ride that cool train, what's it called?

Tell me something very geeky about yourself—
[Starts a story from spring break but refuses to finish,] Well I like school. I like quests for knowledge! And when I was little, I used to collect different animal poop and identify them on hiking trips.

When did you know you were a geek?
When I would turn down invitations from friends to stay home and do homework on the weekends.

Are you part of campus organizations?
Yes – residence life, SWE, Cross Country team and Track and Field team.

What do you think is the coolest thing in science?
Trying to explain some of the things that are unknown to the rest of the world, and making banana scent in chemistry lab.

What do want to do after you graduate?
I want to go work with energy of all kinds, renewable and non-renewable, and develop the efficiency of energy sources and technologies.

Do you consider yourself a geek?
Umm, I guess so, if you consider a geek someone who is really passionate about what they do. I guess you could call me a running geek and a math and science geek.

What's the geekiest thing you've seen at Mines?
I think I saw someone running on campus with a Mines hard hat on. That's pretty geeky, but funny too.

To what extremes have you gone for schoolwork?
Several nights before labs have been due, I've been in the Coady lab well before the sunset and long after the sun rose.

Windows, Mac or Linux?
Windows, because that is what I'm used to, and although I'm a geek for some things, I'm not a geek for computers.



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Slawsome: Laws would be a witch at Hogwarts, if it weren't for the dungeons.

Have you ever played Dungeons and Dragons?
Hell no. Dungeons scare me, and everyone knows dragons aren't real... at least I've never seen one.

How many decimals of pi do you know?
...(long pause) ... well I've always been a big fan of cherry pie, apple pie, blueberry pie, just pretty much any kind of fruit inside of a tasty crust, but I just can't stand the way Greeks do their pi.

Who is your role model?
I'd have to definitely say my parents, because they have a good outlook on life and have encouraged me to be the best I can be in a ... gentle manner.

If you died right now, what would you want your headstone to say?
Make each day, your masterpiece – John Wooden

What is the geekiest thing you own?
An inhaler.

What do you do in your free time?
I don't have any free time – answer silly interview questions I guess.

Do you know what IEEE 1394 means?
I know I learned that... it's like international electronic engineering. There's another E, I think that's a typo and there should only be 2 E's. 1394 is the year that we signed the declaration of independence!

If you were told you had five days to live, what/who would you do?
I would go skydiving, rocky mountain climbin', and 2.8 seconds on a bull named blue man shoe, I'd love deeper, and I'd speak sweeter and I'd give forgiveness I've been denying... It's a song [laughs.]

What is your favorite curse word?
B.A.M.F.

Space for collaboration

Center for Space Resources works on multidisciplinary research to develop new technology

Tim Weilert
Staff Writer

Although CSM has no formal Aerospace major, the school is still on the cutting edge of space research and technology. The Center for Space Resources, a multidisciplinary organization, works closely with NASA and other space programs to find solutions and uses for a variety of applications.

Founded 10 years ago, CSR was originally focused on combustion in space, but has since broadened into a program that covers resource management for other planets and spatial bodies. The center, which is currently housed in the General Research Laboratory, draws faculty and students from a variety of departments.

Dr. Angel Abbud-Madrid, CSR director, explained how CSM came to run such a program. "Since 2004 NASA has decided to take a different direction, instead of just focusing on low Earth orbits, they've decided to go to the Moon, Mars, and other places," he said.

"The expertise of the school, which has been focused on the Earth's resources and energy, can be utilized to do the same type of work [such as excavation, extraction of materials, etc.] outside of the Earth's atmosphere," explained Abbud-Madrid. However, the center researches more than just natural resources; development of new technologies is also a primary goal.

Current projects range from lunar excavators to fire suppression systems. "Professor Bob King, from engineering, is in the process of designing an excavation system for a variety of uses on the Moon," said Abbud-Madrid. "Everything from moving soil to clearing landing pads will be

addressed. Processing the lunar Regolith and extracting compounds, such as oxygen, is a key part to this endeavor. This project will actually be tested by NASA this summer."

Another excavation project is a student competition known as the NASA Centennial Challenge. The contest, which is open to com-

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- Dr. Angel Abbud-Madrid

panies, universities, and individuals, is a test of technologies that could be implemented by NASA.

The team from CSM, known as Nakagawa's Exploration Research and Development Students [aka NERDS], have been working closely with Dr. Masami Nakagawa to develop a machine that will compete later this year.

Mark Gefreh and Ryan Dubisher, two members of NERDS, explained the project in detail. "The goal of the challenge is to excavate 150 kilograms of simulated lunar dirt in 30 minutes with a fully autonomous excavator. That translates into excavating 40 two liter bottles of dirt with a machine that we can just turn on or off," said Gefreh. "The restrictions on our excavation machine are weight and power. The excavator cannot have a mass in excess of 70 kg and cannot consume more than 150 W."

These competitions are serious business. "The prize purse for the competition is \$750,000, with money going to the top three teams that exceed excavations greater than 150 kg," said Gefreh. "And this competition will bring international coverage, such as

BBC News, New York Times, etc."

Several other projects are in the works, such as innovative propulsion systems, trace sensing, dust characterization and mitigation, and fire suppression. Dr. Abbud-Madrid has been working on the next generation of fire suppressants. "Halon has been used in space crafts, but it has been determined to be bad for the environment," said Abbud-Madrid. "So we're looking at fine water mist as a new way to suppress fires. These are very fine, 20 micron sized droplets, that would be easy to deploy, evaporate quickly and minimize damage to electronics."

In addition to research and laboratory projects, CSR hopes to provide activities that foster an interest in space. There are plans for more space related classes, such as upcoming courses called "Planetary Geology of the Moon and Mars," and "Introduction to Space Exploration."

The latter will give undergraduate students "a panoramic view of the aerospace industry," according to Abbud-Madrid. "This class will have guest speakers from NASA, industry, and foreign space programs. Internships from featured companies should be available to students enrolled in that class."

"There are definitely activities that students can get involved with that relate to space," said Abbud-Madrid, "Anyone interested in space related activities can come to us to answer their questions." Numerous other projects are underway at the Center for Space Resources, more information can be found at www.mines.edu/research/csr and in person at the General Research Laboratory (located in the same building as the Geology Museum).

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A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH CENTER

Welcome back from spring break!!! Hopefully you were able to rest and are returning energized and ready to successfully complete the semester. Before spring break the Health Center staff saw many students with colds, upper respiratory infections (URI). We thought it might be a opportune time to talk about "colds" and what can and can't be done for them.

Colds are caused by viruses, and usually last 7-14 days. Unfortunately there is no "pill" to cure it. The best we can do is to try to minimize the discomfort from the symptoms. We encourage you to drink plenty of water or juice, and avoid drinks that contain caffeine. Use a humidifier if you have one and clean it weekly. Try over-the-counter cold medicine like Mucinex, Sudafed, etc. There are many multi symptom cold formulations available. Before you buy one consider the symptom(s) that are the most bothersome and get a medication that treats those symptoms. If it's congestion buy a decongestant, if it's a cough buy a cough suppressant, use acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (advil) for fever, chills or body aches. To soothe a sore throat gargle with warm salt water - 1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon of salt per 8 ounces of warm water. Cover your mouth when you cough, do the "elbow sneeze" and wash your hands frequently using soap and water for at least 10-20 seconds – about as long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice through. Remember, colds and viruses don't respond to antibiotics.

If you have a very sore throat, pain in your ears or a persistent fever (more than two days over 100 degrees F) come to the Health Center or see your health care provider for evaluation.

Remember prevention is the key – get plenty of rest, stay well hydrated, and wash your hands frequently.

Submitted by Debbie Roberge, Nurse Practitioner
Director Student Health Center

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A dark odyssey of revenge: A review of Murder by Death's new album *Red of Tooth and Claw*

Tim Weilert
Staff Writer

Murder By Death is a group that does not fit into categories easily. Perhaps that is what makes their music appealing. The quartet from Bloomington, Indiana, draw their specific sound from an eclectic mix of cello, electric guitars, vocals similar to those heard on old Johnny Cash records, and lyrics that are oftentimes morose, dark, and thought provoking. They have toured with the likes of post-hardcore pioneers Thursday, punk rockers Against Me!, and rock-a-billy giant Reverend Horton Heat.

Murder By Death debuted on Eyeball Records with their first album *Like The Exorcist, But More Breakdancing*, followed by 2003's *Who Will Survive, And What Will Be Left of Them?* These releases garnered the band some attention, but their big breakthrough came with their 2006 album *In Bocca al Lupo*, a concept album about the ideas of sin and punishment

in the old west. In 2007 Murder By Death signed to punk and emo label Vagrant Records, releasing their newest album *Red of Tooth and Claw* earlier this month.

Adam Turla's deep, resounding vocals fill the first track as he begins with the words, "By the light of the moon, I'm coming home." The story that unfolds on the disc has been described by Turla as a "Homer's Odyssey of revenge, only without the honorable character at the center." An old fashioned mix of western beats and piano fill "Ball & Chain," giving a bit of contrast to the album's first single "Fuego!" At this point in the story, a woman with a fiery personality and passion enters the scene. The protagonist fervently seeks the woman, but fears that he won't find true love with her. The haunting instrumental track "Theme (For Ennio Morricone)" follows, and sounds like it could have been the background track to an epic western film. Seeking revenge of one variety or another, the protagonist becomes a merci-

less spectator to the demise of his enemies on "A Second Opinion."

The story takes a turn as the protagonist convinces his nameless lover to run away with him on "Steal Away." Fire comes back into the story line as flames engulf the protagonist's home and possessions on "Ash." He learns about the other side of vengeance and loss through the last part of the album. His best friend is doomed on "The Black Spot" and he runs away yet again in "52 Ford." The story comes to an end on "Spring Break 1899," when the protagonist snaps out of his violent tendencies and sobers up. He tries to cover his pain with a variety of quick fixes, never finding contentment.

Murder By Death is one of the most intriguing bands performing today. Their music is deep and not easily digested, but does tell an epic story about the price of revenge and the pursuit of happiness.



Audio book review of radio drama *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency*

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Staff Writer

This isn't actually a book review. It technically isn't even an audiobook review. It's a review of a radio drama played by the BBC, who adapted a book from the same author as *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.

Set in the modern day, *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency* is a mix of fact, fantasy, technological reference, and a healthy dose of crazy occurrences that mix together to save the world in the end. A murder of weird coincidence is taken on by a detective who is constantly strapped for money, but talented in areas mystical and

holistic. His theory is that once all theories but the impossible are accounted for, the impossible must be investigated. Facts that seem unrelated must be taken in a holistic frame of reference, whether these facts include an electric monk riding a horse or a professor of chronology who performs an odd trick to appease a bored child.

The journey leads the detective and the listener through time and space including events like a chat with the author of *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*. This turns to the detective's advantage when one event after another ends up being related. Everything comes together in such an amazing way

that the mystery not only solved, but the murder's cause is entirely deflected and the world is saved from being overtaken by an alien race. The charge to Dirk Gently's other customers for this feat: zero.

The BBC radio drama, which lasts a bit under four hours, brings this novel to life. It's a great little bit of audio, if you've got a little time to listen. For example, you could listen to it on a flight back home if you're an out-of-state student. I picked the drama up off of audible.com. You can actually get the book for free if you sign up for a subscription trial using sponsor links floating around at places like www.twit.tv or www.applephoneshow.com.

Goldfinger, evolved

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Since the mid-90's, Goldfinger has released several albums, each one moving in a slightly different direction. 1997's album *Hang-Ups* featured the song "Superman" which was later used as a background track for the video game Tony Hawk's Pro Skater. Goldfinger's ska-punk style continued with their 2000 release *Stomping Ground*, which featured "Counting The Days" and a rendition of "99 Red Balloons." At this point, Goldfinger singer and songwriter John Feldman began using his strong political views as a platform for songs. 2002's *Open Your Eyes* featured several thought provoking tracks, such as the title track "Open Your Eyes," which challenged listeners to pay attention to truth and to "Wake UP! Wake UP!" Also featured on that album, a track called "FTN," a blaring criticism of Ted Nugent.

By the time 2005's album *Disconnection Notice* hit shelves, the

band had experienced a few line up changes and had become more passionate about animal rights. The track "Behind The Mask" used audio clips from an animal cruelty speech given by PETA president and co-founder Ingrid Newkirk. The album also approached ska in a new way as songs like "Wasted" mixed traditional beats with mandolins and catchy pop-choruses.

Jump ahead three years, to the present day. Goldfinger will headline the 2008 E-Days festival, here at CSM. The concert will be one of the first venues for Goldfinger to play some of their new material from their upcoming album *Hello Destiny*, in stores April 22. Goldfinger guitarist Charlie Paulson, in a recent interview conducted with Black Velvet Magazine, had this to say about the new album, "I think it's going to go back to more of our original sound." The E-Days concert should be a good chance to break out the Chuck Taylors, mohawks, and rock out to a legitimate 90's punk band.

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2 1/2 tsp baking powder
1 1/4 cups softened stick margarine (butter doesn't work)

1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts
2 1/2 eggs
1 1/2 tbsp milk

Preheat oven to 350. Mix dry ingredients (flour through baking powder) in a large bowl. Cut in the margarine; this will be easier if you have a pastry cutter. If you don't, just use two table knives. Hold one in each hand, cross them, and slide them apart. Do this repeatedly until the mixture is evenly textured and crumbly. Add the chocolate chips and pecans. In a separate small bowl, crack

one egg. Beat it briefly with a fork, and then pour half of it off. You can use this half to make yourself a small omelet, or throw it away.

Add two more eggs and the milk to the half egg and beat them together briefly. Add this mixture to the flour mixture, combine well. The easiest way to do this is to knead it with your hands. The resulting mixture will still be crumbly, but you should be able to press it together enough to form flattened ball shapes. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet an inch or two apart. Bake for 20-30 minutes, or until golden brown. Makes about ten fist-sized scones.

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Board of Trustees Representative

Name: Amy Dubetz
Hometown: Littleton, Colorado
Current Class: non-graduating Senior
Department: Chemistry, Chemical Engineering

Campus Activities: ASCSM, Tau Beta Pi, tutoring, Track/Cross-Country, McBride Honors Program, SWE

Position Running for: Board of Trustees

Why are you running for this position? I have been involved with student government since I was a freshman as a class officer and would like to be part of the ASCSM Executive Committee. I think that CSM students are very lucky to have a voice on our Board of Trustees and I am excited about the opportunity to hold that position.

Detail any other offices or positions that you have held on campus. I have been in the ASCSM freshman, sophomore, and senior class treasurer positions and been a member of the Budget Committee. I have also been on E-Days Committee for the past four years. I am a McBride class representative.

What makes you a standout person for this job? I am committed to our student government, having been involved with it since I was a freshman. I've also been a part of a wide range of other student organizations and would be able to represent the range of interests on our campus well to the Board of Trustees. I am organized and reliable. I am also very comfortable working with people and would not be afraid to speak for the students' interests on the Board.

What would you like to see ASCSM accomplish in the upcoming year? I would like to see ASCSM settle on a meeting/voting structure that gives fair representation to both elected officers and organizations. I want to see more non-ASCSM members bringing their questions and concerns to the meetings. I also want to see ASCSM working more closely with the clubs and organizations it represents and looking at new ways it can support them in addition to just funding.



COURTESY ASCSM

Student Trustee Candidate, Amy Dubetz

President

Name: Kevin Duffy
Hometown: Highlands Ranch, CO
Current Class: Junior
Department: Mechanical Engineering

Campus Activities: Treasurer of the Associated Students of the Content Manager and Columnist for the OreDigger, Student Representative Program, Treasurer of Kappa Mu Epsilon (Mathematics Honor Society)

Position Running for: ASCSM President

Why are running for this position?

Students at CSM must demand accountability. From professors and guide us, to the State of Colorado who provides our funding, the and constituent. As high-level decisions are made about the future, v are heard loud and clear. I believe in establishing a lasting relationship these relationships will empower students to stand tall at the center o

Detail any other offices or positions that you have held on c

Since spring of 2006, I have served as a Student Representative fo gram, helping remediate conflicts between students of the program and My involvement with ASCSM began in the fall of 2006 when I was elec in January of 2007 to the position of ASCSM Treasurer, I have since w

What makes you a standout person for this job?

I have worked diligently over the past three years to establish my co trust and depend upon. In a time that calls for leadership and vision, has a proven track record of acting on their promises. As ASCSM Pr

What would you like to see ASCSM accomplish in the upcom

ASCSM must always be accountable to the students it serves befor Golden communities. To accomplish this, I will generate a bi-monthly investigative and legislative efforts which force dialogue and accounta in Colorado, a long-term relationship with the city, and all student-gen

Board of Trustees Representative



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Student Trustee Candidate, Akira Rattenbury

Name: Akira Rattenbury
Hometown: Centennial
Current Class: Junior
Department: Geological Eng.

Campus Activities: None listed

Position Running for: BoT

Why are you running for this position? To bring pertinent issues facing stu- dents to the BoT. As a non-voting member, I hope to open a strong dialogue with the Board about life as a CSM student.

Detail any other offices or positions that you have held on cam- pus. I am the current treasurer of the Student Council on Sustainability. I am the former Event Planner for the student chapter of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists. I am a former "At-Large" Committee member for the ASCSM Budget Committee '06-'07.

What makes you a standout person for this job? I am not serving to pad my resume.

What would you like to see ASCSM accomplish in the upcom- ing year? Become a voice students can trust.

Board of Trustees Representative



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Board of Trustees Represen- taive Candidate, Darren Ross

Name: Darren Ross
Hometown: Colorado Springs
Current Class: Junior
Department: Petroleum

Campus Activities: Student Athletics Advisory Committee, Varsity Swim Team, American Association of Drilling Engineers, Society of Petroleum Engineers

Position Running for: Board of Trusties

Why are you running for this Position? While gathering signa- tures to appear on the ballot for the Board of Trustees representative I was shocked at how many people didn't know what the position was, and how little students knew of how the school was run. I feel students should have an active role in running the school and I would like to be a medium by which this influence can be passed onto the rest of the student body.

Detail any other offices or positions you have held on campus? I represented the Student Athletics Advisory Committee on student government for three semesters, as well as being the group's treasurer.

What makes you a standout person for this job? I would like to make a difference in how the school runs. I work hard on things I am passionate about and I love CSM. Those traits combine to make me a, in my mind, and ideal representative to the Board of Trustees.

What would you like to see ASCSM accomplish in the upcoming year? I would like to see ASCSM reconnect with the student body as a whole. Right now I feel student government acts independently of the majority of the student body, with the students have little to do with what student government does, and student government having very little effect on the students. I would like to see this disconnect bridged.

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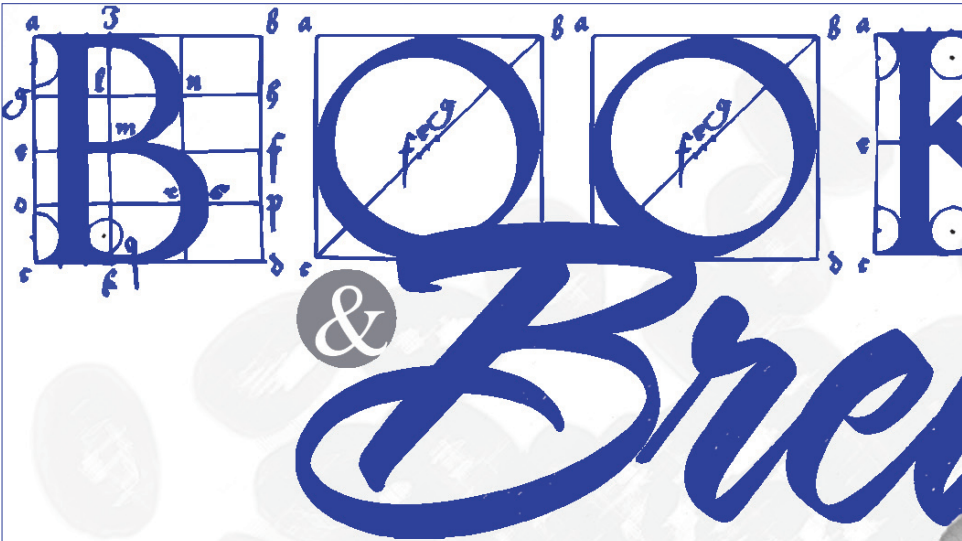
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Presidential Candidate, Kevin Duffy

Candidates

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Vice Presidential Candidate, Anant Pradhan

Vice President

Name: Anant Pradhan
Hometown: Pueblo, Colorado
Current Class: Junior
Department: Chemical Engineering

Campus Activities: McBride Honors Program, The Oredigger, AICHE,

Position Running for: ASCSM Vice President
Why are running for this position?

We all have been in a position where we just don't understand why things function the way they do around here. I want to take the ideas that each of you has for progress and see if they can be implemented. For years, I have tried to make changes to policies from the outside, with little success. This position would be an opportunity to make actual changes.

Detail any other offices or positions that you have held on campus.

For the past three years, I've served as the class representative for the McBride Honors Program. During that period, the program has operated under interim leadership, and even still we have significantly expanded the communication between the students and administration. We've also helped organize speakers for the campus including the former President of Bolivia. Currently, I'm playing a key role in the resurrection of the Chem-E Car, a program that Mines was once successful at.

What makes you a standout person for this job?

Simply put, I'm an individual who prefers depth over breadth. You'll notice that I'm not actually involved in that many clubs on campus, for good reason. When I make a commitment to an organization I want to make sure that I'm deeply involved. Instead of just being a member of fifty clubs, I'd rather play an active role in developing and expanding the organization. Thus, I have the time and the commitment to advance ASCSM.

What would you like to see ASCSM accomplish in the upcoming year? In the past few years, I've noticed that there seems to be a disconnect between Mines students and ASCSM. I hope that I may be able to help fill that void such that students realize the utility of the Student Government. Furthermore, I hope to connect the campus to the City of Golden itself. Having participated in Golden City Council meetings, I've realized the value in maintaining a healthy relationship with the city.

Vice President

Name: David Pesek
Hometown: Littleton, CO
Current Class: Junior
Department: Electrical Engineering

Campus Activities: Football, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, CSM101 Mentor

Position Running for: ASCSM Vice President

Why are you running for this position? I feel that I have a wide range of abilities that I will be able to use to positively change this campus. I am going to be a senior next year and I have been involved with various parts of this school and with this experience and my leadership skills I can greatly contribute to ASCSM.

Detail any other offices or positions that you have held on campus. I am currently on leadership for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and I am the starting quarterback for the Mines football team.

What makes you a standout person for this job? I am a varsity athlete with a conservative voice that has the intention to do nothing less than make the relationship between the school and its students stronger.

What would you like to see ASCSM accomplish in the upcoming year? I believe that ASCSM often keeps the general student body unaware and "in the dark" on a lot of topics. I want ASCSM to continue to make this a better university while increasing the communication between students and the elected candidates.

Vice President

Name: Tarryn Miller
Hometown: Grand Junction, CO
Current Class: Sophomore
Department: Chemistry

Campus Activities: none listed
Position Running for: ASCSM Vice President

Why are you running for this position? Because I know that I can make a difference and I have tons to offer ASCSM. ASCSM is losing the pres. and V.P. this coming year and we need people that have experience to strengthen ASCSM. I have the experience and the drive to turn ASCSM into everything it can be.

Detail any other offices or positions you have held on campus. Freshman Class Social Chair, Sophomore Class Senator, Alpha Phi Song Chair, Alpha Phi Panhell delagate, RHA Exec V.P., E-Days Volunteer Chair, Into the Streets Chair.

What makes you a standout person for this job? I am a bold and driven person that wont hesitate to step up to the plate and excell in this position. I am objective and logical, with experience in ASCSM. I am creative and can bring great new ideas to the table.

What would you like to see ASCSM accomplish in the upcoming year? I would like to see ASCSM transform and become everything it can be. We have developed a great new way of organizing ascsm that will allow ASCSM to do this and I want to see it through; to make sure ASCSM is a success!

The candidates' statements were transcribed directly from written submissions without changes to maintain objectivity. The views expressed above are solely those of the candidates. The Oredigger abstains from endorsing or supporting any of the candidates.



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MLB Season Preview

Matthew Pusard Content Manager

Controversy struck major league baseball hard in the 4 months since the World Series. The Mitchell Report implicated the legendary Roger Clemens of steroid use, Barry Bonds was officially charged with perjury and brought to court, and the notorious loud-mouthed owner of the Yankees, George Steinbrenner, stepped down as owner and his son, the even more loud-mouthed Hank Steinbrenner, took his place. The stories just make for a few interesting subplots as America's pastime returns. Here is what to expect out of the National League this year.

NL East

New York Mets (95-67)

The Mets had a historical collapse last year to remove themselves from the playoffs, but they also landed baseball's biggest prize in the offseason. Johan Santana, one of baseball's best pitchers, is now a Met and he will cure any of their ills. The Mets have a star studded team with Santana, Pedro Martinez, Carlos Beltran, Jose Reyes, and likely MVP contender David Wright and it will be extremely hard to keep this team out of the playoffs again.

Philadelphia Phillies (88-74)

Voters got it wrong last year. Jimmie Rollins wasn't even his own team's MVP. The best second baseman in the entire league, Chase Utley, is. The Phillies have an incredible trio of hitters in Rollins, Utley, and 2006's MVP Ryan Howard, but their pitching

will betray them and force them to fight for a wild card. Behind Cole Hamels and Bret Myers in their rotation, the Phillies have a 45-year-old, an average sophomore pitcher, and a man with a 6.29 ERA last season. That's not going to be easy to overcome.

Atlanta Braves (80-82)

What happened to the once mighty Braves? After 14 consecutive division titles, they come into the season looking fairly weak. Their outfield, usually a prime location for power hitters, is meek except for Jeff Francoeur and the middle infield is sketchy with Kelly Johnson and Yuneis Escobar. Add in a very old rotation (with only one pitcher, John Smoltz, still pitching well) and the Braves will be in for some trouble. They will be heavily reliant on Chipper Jones, Mark Teixeira, and Hall of Fame manager Bobby Cox this year to get their wins.

Florida Marlins (74-88)

This is a very young team, and thus it should be very hard to gauge their success, but they need a year or two more of seasoning before they should all break out. Shortstop Hanley Ramirez is a perfect blend of speed and power, second baseman Dan Uggla presents rare power at his position, but the offense dries up after them. The outfield has a lot of potential, but none of the three players have shown that potential on a major league level yet. Keep an eye out for Andrew Miller though. He's one of the league's top pitching prospects and he could do some major damage if he stays in the Majors.

Washington Nationals (65-97)

This team was incredible last season because they did not have the league's worst record. Unfortunately, they did not improve much over the offseason and will struggle through the season again. Their pitching is the worst in the majors, but at least outfielders Lastings Milledge and Elijah Dukes will provide some entertainment on offense.

N L Central

Chicago Cubs (84-78)

The NL Central is weak, but the Cubs have the most talent of the bunch. Alfonso Soriano, Aramis Ramirez, and Derrick Lee will provide some offensive spark while Carlos Zambrano, Ted Lilly, and Rich Hill shall provide sufficient pitching. But it shouldn't take much to win this division. It has been bad for a while.

Houston Astros (82-80)

Their offense is improved and that should be enough in this division to make some noise. Miguel Tejada, Kazuo Matsui, and Michael Bourn should add serious power and speed to the team, but their ignored their biggest problem in their pitching staff. Ace Roy Oswalt regressed last season and behind him, the staff is suspect. Jose Valverde ought to provide stability at closer, though.

Milwaukee Brewers (80-82)

This team broke out in a big way at the beginning of last season, but faded down the stretch. Many of their youngsters finally

Nordic Team wins big at pentathlon

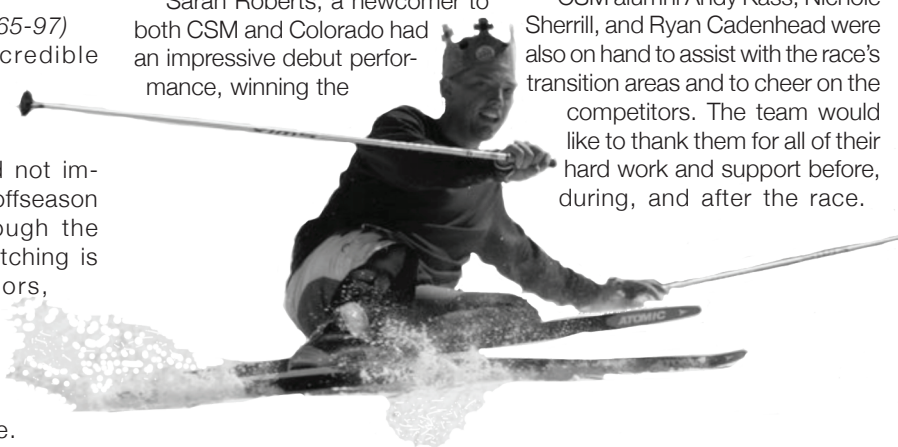
Nathaniel Proctor CSM Nordic Team

The CSM Nordic Team traveled to Steamboat Springs on March 1st to compete in the annual Steamboat Pentathlon, one of Colorado's most challenging winter endurance competitions. The pentathlon consists of five grueling events, which encompass every aspect of winter racing.

The competitors were treated to a run up Howelson Hill and a steep descent on alpine skis, followed by a 2.5-mile snowshoe run and then a 4-mile nordic ski. These events were then quickly forgotten as racers mounted their trusty mountain bikes for a 12-mile bike race, which when completed allowed them to move onto the final chapter of the day's events, a 5-mile foot race along the town's river walk. A slightly shorter course was also available for the more sane participants which included the same events with fewer miles.

With temperatures in the upper 40's and the sun on their backs, the Mines team had an incredibly strong showing in both the long and short course races.

Sarah Roberts, a newcomer to both CSM and Colorado had an impressive debut performance, winning the



matured, but it proved to be not enough to make the playoffs. Their offense will be as good as anyone's, but their pitching is suspect, especially if ace Ben Sheets gets hurt again. They should go to their bullpen early and often because they have a deep and talented squad of pitchers in there.

Cincinnati Reds (73-90)

The Reds have a new manager in Dusty Baker, which is enough to make the season interesting. He's notorious for leaving pitchers in the game for far too long. Meanwhile, the team's ace, Aaron Harang, is notorious for being able to remain uninjured despite pitching as many innings as anybody in the game. Is this a match made in heaven? Shouldn't matter either way. The rest of their pitchers cannot take the abuse and aren't as good as Harang. The offense led by Adam Dunn and Ken Griffey Jr. won't be able to make up for the Reds under-talented, over-abused pitching staff this year.

St. Louis Cardinals (70-92)

It's a time of rebuilding for the Cards. After their improbable

women's under-30 short course division in a time of 1:43:41. Ben Teschner, a long time member of the Mines Ski team and a new addition to the nordic squad also had a brilliant race, placing 3rd in the men's under-30 short course division. CSM alumni David Femmer returned to Steamboat for his third straight year of completing the notorious long course, placing 3rd in the

men's under-30 division; while alumni Tim MacIntyre skied and ran his heart out for 4th place overall finish with a time of 1:18:00 in the men's short course competition. Duncan Proctor raised the bar for the men's long course by completing the race in 2:18:30, placing second in the men's under-30 division.

Bryan Babcock and Cassi Roe were also tough competitors in the short course, each successfully completing their first winter pentathlon with style. Jamie and Julia Eichenburger, both Mines alumni, once again tackled the five events as a team, finishing with their best long course time yet. In total, the team as a whole brought back five awards from the competition, resulting in the best overall showing the team has had to date at the pentathlon.

CSM alumni Andy Kass, Nichole Sherrill, and Ryan Cadenhead were also on hand to assist with the race's transition areas and to cheer on the competitors. The team would like to thank them for all of their hard work and support before, during, and after the race.

2006 World Series win, the old squad fell apart. Now, Albert Pujols remains as the team's only bright spot, but his elbow is wonky and may not make it through the season with surgery. Without Pujols, this team would be in last place, but Albert will be stubborn enough to make it through over 100 games this season.

Pittsburgh Pirates (69-93)

This team has potential, but they have already run into some trouble. All Star infielder Freddy Sanchez has a bum shoulder and has barely played during spring training. Left fielder Jason Bay also has to prove his knee has recovered enough from 2007. At one time, Bay was the best player that no one knew about, but last season was really subpar. Ian Snell and Tom Gorzelanny are promising pitchers too, but the Pirates have a long tradition of losing to break. But in this division, if things come together in the right way, the Pirates could be this year's Colorado Rockies.

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March Madness!

Doctors starting to realize that springtime disease can kill

Tim Weilert
Orange with black stripes

You may have noticed the slight changes. The days are getting warmer and longer, plants and flowers have begun to bloom, and college basketball is being televised non-stop. With the return of Spring, everything has begun to come back to life. Unfortunately all is not well.

March Madness (*Insania Marchitus*) affects nearly 50% of the American population. Among those affected, 75% are males between the ages of 18 and 30. The Madness, which is a psychological disease, causes those infected to become detached from reality. Within groups of the infected, contests are held to see who is the maddest. Charts, graphs, and brackets compare the relative madness of those affected by the disease.

Originally thought to be a response to warmer temperatures, researches at Johns Hopkins have found March Madness to be linked to bacterial growth. “As the body increases activity during the springtime month of March, bacteria found on common household items, such as telephones and remote controls, infiltrate the body through the skin,” said MIT researcher Jerry Howard. “Soon after, muscles begin atrophy and retinal perception peaks.

The fact that basketball, a highly entertaining sport, is shown on television for extended periods during this time of the year merely complicates the issue. People are drawn to sit around and watch the games for hours on end.”

The only known cures for March Madness are April Showers and May Flowers. April Showers consist of a two part skin therapy where leeches are placed on patients to remove the March Madness bacteria. The second step involves placing the infected person in a chemical shower used to replace nutrients, such as Vitamin D, lost during the periods of physical inactivity. May Flowers, on the other hand, are a more natural approach to curing the disease. The Lilac (*Syringa protolaciniata*), which blooms during the month of May, has been used as a remedy since the fourth century.

What should someone with March Madness do once they have become infected? First of all, do not panic, this will merely cause the bacteria to travel through the bloodstream at a greater speed. Second, ensure that your television is in working order, because once the Madness has begun, it cannot be easily stopped. Finally, seek medical attention. Call a doctor, sports therapist, or the ESPN Zone.

Keg float crashes into crowd at St. Patrick’s Day Parade: two dead, 127 drunk

Matthew Pusard
Senior Irish Correspondent

Tragedy struck the St. Patrick’s Day parade in New York City last Monday when a Molson Canadian beer can balloon sprung a leak and fell into the crowd. The float was using an experimental helium-carbonated beer to fill the balloon and the concoction poured out of the giant inflatable beer can.

The experimental beer, which became instantaneously flat upon exiting the balloon, flooded the crowd and drowned two innocent bystanders.

“Oh, the humanity!” exclaimed Matt Lauer from The Today

Show. “This is the worst parade-related disaster since Thanksgiving 2002 when the Sonic the Hedgehog float flew into the crowd. In retrospect, they probably shouldn’t have put real spines on that one.”

The parade was momentarily delayed while the parade committee cleaned up the disaster and carted away the bodies. “I’m not quite dead yet,” yelled one of the bodies as the hearse took off to the crematorium.

“That’s the way I always wanted to go out,” said Patrick Snow, a parade watcher who was obviously intoxicated by his near-death experience. He then headed out on a quest to spray paint the cities’ midget population green.

Countless others were treated by on-site doctors for severe intoxication and a condition known as Bitter Canadian Beer Syndrome. “I had to ask one of the doctors the most important questions of my life,” recalled Finbar O’Farrell. “I asked ‘How much longer do I have to live?’ and ‘where are my pants?’ I still don’t know how the pants got on that light pole.”

After the cleanup of the horrific tragedy, the 120th annual celebration of Irish stereotypes continued on as planned. Much of the cities’ Irish population led the way by drinking green beer (dyed with food coloring) and eating green corned beef and hash (which was colored like that naturally).

Mines lacrosse expected to break Brooks Field attendance record: stadium beams reinforced

Mike Stone
Lacrosse Fan Analyst

Starting their season off at three wins and one loss, the men’s club lacrosse team is attracting fans. With each passing home game, more and more people crowd the sidelines at IM South. Unable to hold back the barrage of fans, their games for the rest of the season have been moved to Brooks field.

Expecting well over 9 people, the men’s lacrosse team will shat-

ter the 2004 football attendance record of 7 people during the Adams State home game at Brooks Field. This came after the football team made national news with their Hail Mary offense. (Every play was a Statue of Liberty or Hail Mary.) All 7 people received free season tickets, but none returned.

The Men’s Lacrosse Team will face off against Fort Lewis, their biggest rival; on Friday night at 7pm. Fort is expected to lose due to the sheer awe they will experi-

ence from all of Mines’ 9 fans. Additionally, the men’s team will dress as sea creatures and do their famous half-time dance as choreographed by Jackie Moon.

The very next day, Mines will continue their double-header weekend against Western State at 2pm at Brooks Field. This game is expected to draw crowds of well over 12 people despite the previous night’s record breaking performance.

Golden Police crews will be on site to handle crowd control and parking.



Men’s Lacrosse Team: Young studs take a candid shot during practice. COURTESY MIKE STONE

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“Adoption”

by Greg Smith

A man named Henry adopted two sons, from Mexico and the Middle East.

His wife Georgina broke the news to him over their Sunday Night Feast.

“Amal cannot come to the States,” she said. “Looks like Juan will be an only child.”

“They sent a picture though,” said Georgina as she looked at her husband and smiled.

She handed him the picture, but he refused. “Don’t storm off down the hall!” she exclaimed.

Henry just sighed and slowly replied, “If you’ve seen Juan you’ve seen Amal.”

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FUN PARTY, EH?

HOW DRUNK WAS I LAST NIGHT?

I WOKE UP NEXT TO A HOBO IN THE QUAD,

HEY, HE’S BACK!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THIS DUCK CAME FROM, ...AND I DON’T HAVE ANY PANTS.

OH, AND YOUR PARENTS CALLED, THEY WANT TO DISCUSS LAST NIGHT’S VOICEMAIL.

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McBride: A student's call for cooperation

Jason Fish
Content Manager

To those of you who care about the future of the McBride Honors program, please keep reading. To the rest, Fool's Gold is on the previous page.

As a fourth year student in McBride, I have seen the program grow, change, and induct many new members into its ranks. I have complained about the assignments and praised its courses and instructors. The learning experiences have been vital to my world view and perceptions.

Yet, all these benefits are being overshadowed by the debates and battles over the program's structure and leadership. Having experienced most of the changes from these recent conflicts, I feel more in a political power struggle than an academic institution.

The biggest enemy in all the disagreements is misinformation. I have talked with students, faculty, and the McBride administration, hearing different facts, figures, and points every time. I don't know who's correct and who isn't, and it's deplorable. It's not the dispute over GPA requirements that's poisoning the program, it's the apathy

and communications breakdown.

What's worse, the McBride community has begun to fracture into various groups who ostracize each other and hinder any efforts towards a positive direction. The principal tutor is under attack, students are under attack, the program's validity and identity are under attack—when did positions become more important than interests?

My interests are in the health and autonomy of McBride. I have gained enormous value from its curriculum—lessons I believe are no longer extra toppings on resumés, but essential to success beyond this small, sheltered campus. I know I'm not alone in these opinions.

I don't know all the details, the reports, the transcripts, the feelings, and the thoughts of everyone

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involved, but I am willing to listen, to learn, and to come together. Closed ears and closed minds have sustained the mess the program is in, not to mention the rumors and hearsay. Here's what I think is the major

issue facing McBride: future leadership. The position of principal tutor needs to be settled by the tutorial committee immediately. Dr. Abeyta's contract as the interim principal tutor is coming to a close in May.

To my knowledge, there has been no decision to reinstate Dr. Abeyta or hire another person for the job.

Furthermore, McBride is not a well-funded, well-staffed department—it's an independent honors program. With the exception of the secretary, *no one* is employed full-time. All the moderators, the supporting faculty, the tutorial and executive committee members, and the principal tutor are part-time. Teaching McBride classes is not applicable for tenure pursuit, is not sufficiently compensated, and must usually be done outside normal business hours. Many McBride moderators have full time jobs in CSM's departments, teaching and grading, just like the other faculty. On the administrative end, Dr. Abeyta's full time job is teaching classes at the Auraria campus in downtown Denver; she commutes to Mines to fulfill her McBride obligations.

Hence, difficulties arise. There have been complaints about the proposed changes to the appeals process for McBride students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirements. These criticisms are based on the claim that the administration is too lazy to deal with the paperwork. Mines has a similar system to handle appeals for readmission to the institution. However, the people who deal with these cases can devote their *entire* attention to them. Why? Because they're full time employees of the college's administration.

So, what's needed most? McBride needs permanence and stability, both in its curriculum and its direction. It needs full funding

and full-time leadership. Above all, it needs communication, open-minded constituents, and participation from more of its members. I am calling for action from the tutorial committee. I am also calling for stronger community from the students and moderators. We need to bridge the gaps driven between us and cooperate, ending these pointless blame games.

I have heard about the possibility of McBride being absorbed into the Liberal Arts and International Studies department. I have heard the stories and rumors that LAIS and McBride are at 'war.' I have heard about the hidden agendas. I have heard all sorts of wild and crazy things.

What sadden me most are the accusations that McBride moderators are not qualified to teach their courses, that they are stepping on the toes of full time LAIS professors. The disparagements border on slander. I have taken classes from both LAIS and McBride faculty, and I will defend the excellence of both. There is no need for this political garbage.

Whether any of these statements are true or merely malicious exaggerations from wounded prides and frustrated minds, the fact that they have reached my ears at all is

disturbing enough. There is a better way to resolve problems. There are students in this program who want to see McBride continue, who want to contribute beyond their four years,

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and, most importantly, who want to face the challenges peacefully and cooperatively.

I believe there should be a meeting between *all* students and *all* faculty/administration to talk about the program's future. Nearly all of McBride's

committee meetings are public, but alternative ways to handle these conflicts are needed. I think an extra meeting must be held, under the leadership of the McBride administration, for the sole purpose of informing *everyone*, clearing up all misconceptions, and repairing the damage done to this community.

I'll close with this sentiment. At last week's McBride All Student Meeting, Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, a former president of Bolivia, spoke to the campus about the challenges of leading a country through difficult times, the hard choices, and the widespread, interconnecting consequences. McBride is in a similar time of trial and tribulation. The hurdles will be overcome only when the program rallies behind its leaders to take the bold moves. Let's do it together.

CSM 101: Essential for freshman success?

David Sommer
Staff Writer

One enters college with certain preconceived notions, and these notions protect us from the initial shock because, for many of us, college represents a drastic change of pace. Still, a pervasive feeling of uncertainty remains, uncertainty in one's future, uncertainty in one's success, uncertainty in where one fits into the framework of the campus community. It was with this idea in mind that the Freshman Success Seminar was established.

More commonly referred to as CSM 101, the class has steadily evolved into what I have often heard referred to as "a waste of time." That is the general opinion among the students who have recently taken it, and I am often inclined to agree with them. So, three questions arise from this prevailing judgment. First, why is it a waste of time, and what justifies this opinion? Second, if this

opinion is true what justifies retaining the class as a requirement for freshmen? Third, what would replace the class if it were dissolved, if there was a need to replace it?

For the first question, I will try to draw from personal experience. I took CSM 101 last semester, every Friday for about fifty minutes. It consisted of me going to the classroom, sitting in a chair, and zoning out with a vapid stare on my face, trying, often in vain, not to fall asleep. Yet, to say that CSM 101 stole precious minutes from my life that I will never get back seems like a gross over-exaggeration. It is a funny thought, but one that, if taken seriously, indicates a need to reassess what one thinks is important. Thus, for me, the class represented a petty matter, but not one that I seriously resented. Wasting fifty minutes did not precipitate a crisis, just an inconvenience.

Still, one of the prevalent arguments I hear from other people I have talked to involves the

I-could-be-doing-something-better mentality. For me, I would just find another way to waste time, so why not try to get something useful out of the class?

This leads into the second question. I was told at the start of the semester that, of the things we were required to do, we would have to do them eventually anyway. CSM 101, then, was supposed to serve as a method of guidance along the way, and for the most part this was true. It pointed me in the right direction on a couple of things. In addition, the class is intended to give freshmen a feeling of

welcoming and belonging upon entering the university and to get them involved with their fellow students and their community.

However, the intentions of the class presuppose a general mentality for its incoming students, assuming that they lack the responsibility and motivation to get involved and properly manage their time, that they

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sibility and motivation to get involved and properly manage their time, that they need to be spoon-fed information without

getting it on their own. When stated like this, it feels like an offense to pride and a statement of disrespect. Yet, CSM 101 is an effective method of getting necessary infor-

mation to its incoming freshmen.

We are led finally to the third question, which suggests that, perhaps, there is a better way to get the same result without the class. Having a few days of introduction at the beginning of the fall semester would amount to the same thing, although it would forgo the benefit of having students adjust over the course of the year while attending the class. Nevertheless, adaptability is one of the necessities for entering college, and students would not be worse off with a few days of introduction and no class.

CSM 101, it seems, is nothing close to what could be considered a big deal, and it is this general lack of import that favors its dissolution. (If it does not matter much to begin with, than what is the point of keeping it?) This, of course, is only the general opinion, both of myself and of many people I have talked to. A few days devoted to introduction would amount to the same thing.

What are Obama's values?

Rev. Wright controversy raises questions

William Everson
Staff Writer

Barack Obama has been called eloquent, inspiring, charismatic, and clean. He has been called the "first woman President" (Bill Clinton being called the first black President). He has even been called Alfred E. Neuman-esque (ok, maybe he hasn't been called that-but the resemblance is uncanny).

However, so rarely do you hear Senator Obama being called a man of principles, convictions, and morals that I was beginning to wonder if he had any at all. What are Sena-

tor Obama's values? What moral principles does he believe in? Over the course of his campaign for President of the United States of America, Obama has been extremely careful in maintaining his "blank screen" persona by deliberately delivering nebulous, veiled speeches wherein he talks

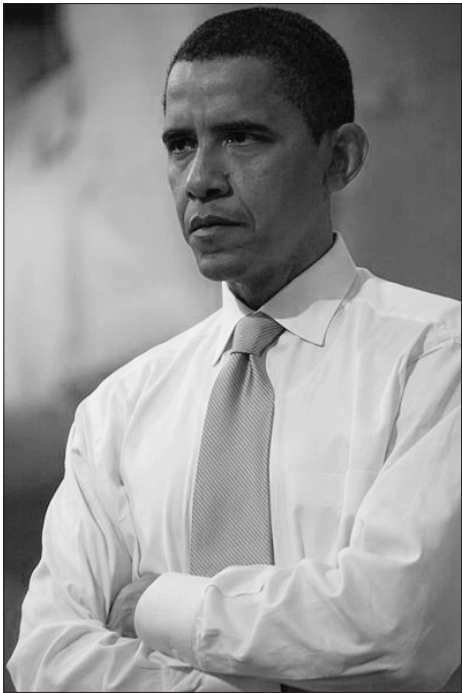
about "change," "hope," and "unification" instead of how he will implement these abstractions.

Despite his valiant attempts to remain an icon, fissures have opened up in recent months amongst the Obama campaign's message of ambiguity. One case in point allows us to see past Obama's slick façade and into his underlying beliefs and doctrines: the Reverend Jeremiah Wright controversy.

Rev. Wright was Obama's minister for the past 20 years (he is retiring this year). He officiated at Sen. Obama's wedding, he baptized Obama's two daughters, and

a sermon of Rev. Wright's inspired the title of Sen. Obama's bestselling book: *The Audacity of Hope*. Obama even considers Rev. Wright "like family" to him. Did I mention that Rev. Wright is a fiery, bigoted, black nationalist who preaches his caustic views in the very church Obama is a proud member of?

The recent media exposure of some of the Rev. Wright's statements- such as his view that blacks should damn America for their continued maltreatment and that the afore mentioned maltreatment brought on the September 11th attacks- has sent Obama on the defensive.



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had said about her fear of black men walking by her on the street. He then proceeded to effectively justify the Reverend's disdainful dialogs stating that, "Even for those blacks who did make it, questions of race and racism continue to define their world view in fundamental ways."

There are several important implications of Obama's damage control speech: his comparison of Rev. Wright to his grandmother (and the comments he made days later about it), and the justification of Rev. Wright's comments on account of his past.

By comparing Rev. Wright to his grandmother, Obama hoped to

distance himself from the Reverend's statements while still supporting his relationship with the man; much in the way one may love their relatives while disagreeing with them wholeheartedly. This sort of statement works fine with relatives (such as grandmothers) but not with people whom you seek out for moral guidance (like a pastor). Sen. Obama choose to associate himself with the Reverend on his own accord and apparently did not find the Reverend's statements distasteful enough to leave the church, or even enough to speak out against them for 20 years.

This fact alone tells nothing about whether or not Obama actually supports the Reverend's statements, but in conjunction with comments he made Thursday morning it does. While on a local sports radio show in Philadelphia, Obama stated that "The point I was making was not that my grandmother harbors any racial animosity. She doesn't. But she is a typical white person who, if she sees somebody [African American individual] on the street that she doesn't know there's a reaction that's been bred into our experiences that don't go away and that sometimes come out in the wrong way and that's just the nature of race in our society. We have to break through it."

Apparently, Obama believes that the typical white person has a "bred-in reaction" to fear black men on the street and that society has produced this fear. This makes me inclined to believe that Obama does indeed hold at least some of the Reverend's bigoted beliefs himself.

Even more disturbing than the apparent support for some of Rev. Wright's statements, is Obama's justification of Rev. Wright's comments on account of his past. Obama seems to believe that because someone was victimized by a certain group (as Rev. Wright had been) that excuses their generalized animosity towards the perpetrating group. To hold back condemnation against individuals who commit deplorable actions/ comments against innocent individuals because of their own victimization is deplorable itself and should not be a quality found in the President of the United States.

Paternal altruism

Fee increase gives students no options

Casey Morse
ASCSM President

On Thursday, March 20, the ASCSM Senate deliberated for 90 minutes over the future of the Intermodal Transportation Fee. The discussion regarded ASCSM Resolution 2008-06, which calls for a student vote to increase the Intermodal Transportation Fee to \$40 per semester on the spring 2008 ballot. As a concerned and informed student, I would like to impart some of my opinions onto the student body in this article, and I welcome your responses.

The Intermodal Transportation Fee originated in response to several failed attempts at getting a RTD bus pass. The idea was to appropriate a set amount of funding to ASCSM with which the council could authorize and fund projects for alleviating parking congestion and improving sustainability on campus. The dollar amount for the fee was set according to the college bus pass fee, \$35 per semester. The RTD bus pass was purchased for students as a "first try" solution for the first year of the fee. During last year, RTD decided to increase their price to \$40. Since the increase exceeds the inflation rate, it will have to be approved of by a student body vote. The discussion on Thursday was to decide what the alternative to raising the fee would be. The decision of the council was to provide students two options: increase the fee and get a bus pass, or leave the fee at \$35 and don't get a bus pass.

While the bus pass benefited many students this year, it did little to achieve the intended goals of the Intermodal Transportation Fee. I think the students would benefit from separating the two issues, as the RTD bus pass does not improve the sustainability or parking constraints on our campus so much as it does for the city of Denver.

The second issue is that the Intermodal Transportation Fee is a dynamic concept. The resolu-

tion supporting the fee claims that ASCSM will devise solutions to CSM's transportation constraints. With new solutions come new price tags. Last year the proposed solution was a bus pass, and the price was approximately \$300,000 (\$35 per student per semester). Several students have researched other solutions, but none yet seem feasible. Therefore, the price tag is \$0 as of now. The other option is to continue the bus pass, which has a price tag of \$40 per student per semester. Unfortunately, you will not see these two options on your ballot this year.

The other issue that surfaced on Thursday was fear that the fee would be eliminated if the option were available. Many Senators agreed that their constituents would likely vote down the fee if the option were presented. As representatives, they chose to enact Paternal Altruism, deciding it was better for their constituents to not allow them that option. Therefore, a fee will be assessed on you next year regardless of the council's ability to find an alternative transportation solution.

As the Intermodal Transportation Fee is a dynamic idea, it should be assessed as such. There should be flexibility in the dollar amount of the fee to allow funding for different types of projects. As of now, ASCSM is tasked to find a solution that will cost exactly \$35 per student per semester. ASCSM should instead find the best solution and then figure out how to fund it. If students want a bus pass, we should have a bus pass fee. If students want new and innovative solutions to transportation stresses, the student body should assess those options and their associated costs and decide which is best for the campus. If the council presents students with options of bus pass or no bus pass, the fees should reflect that.

Thank you for taking the time to understand my views of the situation.

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Shocked and awed

Andrew Aschenbrenner
Opinion Editor

I have avoided commenting on the war in Iraq because I don't think the events themselves warrant the hysteria that surrounds them. But it has been five years of the same mistakes, and something has to change.

On March 19, 2003, the United States began its campaign of force against Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi government. The Bush Administration and other supporters of the ironically titled "Operation Iraqi Freedom" used several pretexts for the military action, namely the perceived presence of WMDs, or weapons of mass destruction, and the alleged support of Al-Qaeda by Hussein's government.

We know now that both of those claims were false. Not only did the military never find any WMDs, the acknowledgement was later made that there was no link between the pre-invasion Iraq and Al-Qaeda. There was no smoking gun, let alone a mushroom cloud.

There have been thousands of American troop and Iraqi civilian deaths since the invasion. Al-Qaeda has established an outpost in a country where there was none before. Hundreds of billions of dollars have poured into Iraq. What do we have to show for it?

The world is less safe because of the United States' action in Iraq. An unwise, unplanned, and unnecessary military operation has left this country on the decline. Today, the US is in major debt, borrowing from its enemies.

I am not anti-war. War solves a lot, and is a necessary evil. But the justification, management, and effects of this war have been a tragedy. There is no simple solution in Iraq. Pulling out all troops will not help. Staying there indefinitely will not help.

A nuanced solution is what is sorely needed. The war in Iraq has been nothing but a drain on the United States, but the situation there is poor because we removed all stability from the country. Somehow, we have to fix a destroyed country without destroying ourselves.



March Madness – the biggest tournament in sports. There is nothing like the "win or go home" attitude that is the NCAA. Unfortunately, when I asked a kid on my floor, "So, who did you pick to win it?", he replied, with a degrading and overpowering manner, "Win what?" I casually informed him that I was talking about the NCAA tournament, to which his only reply was, "what sport?"

Don't you guys think that, as college students, we have a responsibility to keep up with sports of our peers – to do stupid stuff and act like college students should? I'm not saying that you should go out and get really drunk every night, but start becoming more social. This time

should be dedicated to the sports bars, to the roommate rivalry and to the random kid's house that has the game on. It doesn't matter if you're going in a tux or a thong, as long as you get out there; please don't go in a thong. Pick a team and run with them, because they might just win. It is the time where nobody can pick the winner, where Texas Western made history, where Georgetown lost, where miracles happen. I understand that they might not have told you but, as college students, it is your solemn duty to witness this spectacle and always disagree with the guy next to you. It is your hidden pride and your outspoken stupidity that makes tournament watching such a blast.



So, get away from Anime porn, get away from the studying, get away from random-ass video games that you don't really care about, and turn on the TV, go to the rec-center, or make a stupid comment to lighten the mood. You will enjoy it.

As Mines students, we have the luxury of not needing to root for our own team – we can pick whomever. Oh and by the way, regardless of what you say, you always have to yell. If somebody yells at you, yell louder. If you turn out to be wrong, yell even louder. If you happen to be right, you casually stand and look at the guy who is yelling at you and laugh – he will laugh back.

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BASKETBALL FINAL FOUR MATCH-UPS

TEAMS/SEEDS

(5) CAUCASIAN INVASION vs. (1) SHOCKERS
(3) SHOOTER MACGAVINS vs. (2) DWIGHT'S REBELLION

TEAMS 1 AND 5 ARE SCHEDULED TO COMPETE MONDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 7:00PM. TEAMS 2 AND 3 WILL FACE OFF LATER THAT DAY AT 8:00PM. THE IM CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH AT 7:00PM.

ALSO, GOOD LUCK TO DWIGHT'S REBELLION! THEY WILL BE REPRESENTING CSM AT THE NIRSA WEST REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA.

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UPCOMING MATCHES

OPPONENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
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WESTERN STATE	SAT. MAR 29TH	2:00PM	BROOKS

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